City of Blue Ridge

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Downtown Development Authority Meeting
March 7, 2022
5:30 p.m.
480 West First Street

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Russell Black called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Present were Chairman Russell Black, Vice Chairman Cesar Martinez, Board Members Angie Arp, Laura Ray, Natalie Kissel, Andy Bowen, City Administrator Eric Soroka, and City Clerk Amy Mintz.

- 2. Recognition of Mayor and City Council in Attendance Chairman Russell Black recognized the attendance of Mayor Rhonda Haight
- 3. Approve minutes for February 7th meeting Chairman Black tabled the minutes until the next meeting.
- 4. Chairman's Update
 Chairman Black offered update
 - 5. Treasurer's report
 - a. Current account balance

As of the end of February total revenue was \$438,962.87. With expenditures the account balance is at \$408,806.62.

b. Parking revenue

The City now receives the parking revenue.

- 6. Committee Chair and general committee updates
 - a. Nichole Update on signage

Board Member Kissel was not present for meeting. Vice Chairman Martinez offered an update provided to him by Nichole.

b. Russell - Economic Development Board Member Black offered an update.

c. Natalie - Community Outreach

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Board Member Kissel stated she would need to get with the city clerk to set up emails.

d. Cesar Martinez

Board Member Martinez has no update, is just offering assistance to new members and Chairman with any questions.

e. Laura Ray

Board Member Ray offered ideals regarding the economic development in the downtown area.

f. Andy Bowen

Board Member Bowen offered an idea regarding the hiring of a DDA Director.

- 7. Additional Discussions on any open projects with Mayor or Council The Board discussed ideas with Mayor Rhonda Haight.
 - 8. Public comment

A member of the audience offered input.

9. Executive session if needed

Not needed.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was offered by Board Member Kissel, seconded by Board Member Bowen. Passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Chairman, Russell Black

Date

April 4, 2022